(3) Special Course for Weavers.
(4) Special Course in Jacquard Weaving.
(5) Special Course in Bleaching, Dyeing, and Printing (Hand Processes).
(6) Textile Designing Course.

" (b) The Supervisor's Course in Power Spinning and Weaving and the Supervisor's Course in Dyeing and Finishing were discontinued with effect from the school year 1943–44.

" (c) The Supervisor's Courses were intended to turn out candidates who could serve as Supervisors, Foremen and Assistant Masters of Sections in Spinning and Weaving Mills or in Dyeing and Finishing concerns.

" (d) No investigation has been carried out. In any case the effect on the industries cannot be felt in the course of two years.

" (e) Proposals have been received from the Director of Industries and Commerce for the starting of Diploma Courses in this Institute in
(1) Power Cotton Spinning and Weaving.
(2) Power Bleaching, Dyeing, Finishing and Printing."

Political prisoners in the Province of Madras.

* 19 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of political prisoners of this province still in jails;

(*b*) whether they too have been classified;

(*c*) what are the privileges to which politicals under different categories are entitled;

(*d*) whether this classification is revised from time to time; if so, by whom; and

(*e*) whether the politicals themselves can approach the Government with their representations?

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—" (*a*) There are now no political prisoners in the jails of this Province.

" (*b*) Political prisoners are also classified.

" (*c*) Political prisoners are entitled to the same privileges as other prisoners in the respective classes.

" (*d*) The initial classification of individual prisoners is made by the convicting courts subject to confirmation by Government in the cases of A and B classes. The classification may be revised by the Government on representation received from or on behalf of prisoners whenever such revision is justified. The classification is not revised by Government *suo motu*.

" (*e*) The answer is in the affirmative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I ask the Hon. Minister, Sir, whether he has under consideration, or has already 11 a.m.

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considered, the question of doing away with the classification of political prisoners, as this classification is done without any rhyme or reason sometimes?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—"There is plenty of rhyme and reason in the classification. (Laughter.) The convicting court does the classification, and if there is any complaint about it the Government look into the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Do you consider, or have you considered the question of doing away with this classification?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—"Yes, it is being considered."

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Development Board in the Province and its functions.

1 *Q.*—SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Development Board has been formed in the Province;

(*b*) if so who constitute the Development Board; and

(*c*) what are its functions?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All Secretaries to Government except the Secretary, Legal Department, with the Chief Secretary to Government as Chairman of the Board.

(*c*) (i) To prepare for the consideration of Government an integrated Provincial Development Plan by endorsing, modifying or adjusting the plans of each individual department, or by putting forward proposals initiated by itself;

(ii) to transform the functional plans of each department into a territorial plan for each district; and

(iii) to keep a constant watch over the development plans of the departments and to control the progress of each district plan.

***Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

II.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1946-47.

V. HAMEED SULTAN MARICAIR SAHIB BAHADUR :—"President, Sir, I congratulate the Premier on having introduced the budget within so short a time of his assuming office. I wish to point out that prohibition should be extended throughout the whole Province instead of introducing into eight districts only. By extending prohibition, the budget looks brighter. But there is no mention in the budget as to what steps are going to be taken to prevent strikes, which cause unrest in the country.